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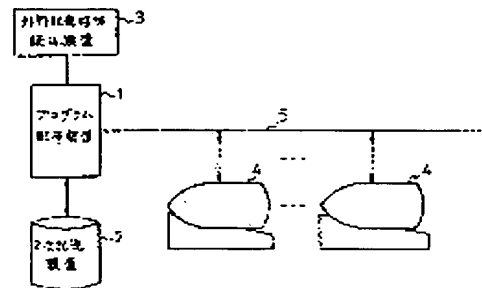
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## (54) PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION DEVICE

## (57)Abstract:

**PURPOSE:** To realize the physical observance of the using contact of program copies by storing the histories of the number of distribution copies at every program to be distributed, monitoring at all times the granted number of copies set previously and the number of distribution copies, and giving the warnings, etc., to the distribution requests requiring the number of copies larger than the granted number.

**CONSTITUTION:** A program distribution device 1 stores the programs to be put into each information processor 4, and a secondary memory device 2 of the device 1 stores the programs to be physically distributed. When a request is given to the processor 4 for distribution of programs, the device 1 first confirms the information processors set at the receiver side and then decides the difference between the set and granted number of copies and the number of copies stored so far the present time point. Then a warning is displayed in case the number of requested copies exceeds the granted number of copies. Thus the distribution of copies is rejected to physically prevent the limitless distribution of programs.



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